

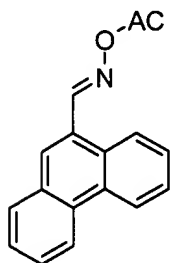
REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 are rejected.

35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Organic Mass Spectroscopy* (1973), 7(12), p. 1337-43. The Examiner alleges that the reference teaches Applicants' compound RN=51873-99-5.

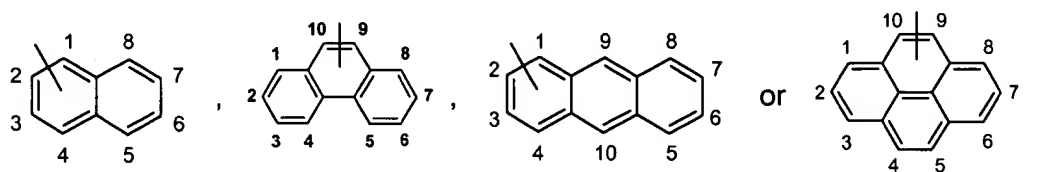


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9-phenanthrenecarboxaldehyde, O-acetyloxime, (E)-

The Applicants respectfully disagree. The above reference does teach the structure above. However, Applicants point out that the structure is excluded by proviso in claim 1. See page three of the amended claims, line 21 submitted in the last Office Action.

Ar₁ is



..... provided that

(x) Ar₁ is not.....9-anthryl..... (claim 1, page 3, line 21).

As the claims do not read on the compound, 9-phenanthrenecarboxaldehyde, O-acetyloxime, (E)-, *Organic Mass Spectroscopy*, (1973), 7(12), p.1337-43 does not anticipate claims 1-3 of the instant application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 are respectfully solicited in light of the remarks *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 1-3 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Stevenson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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